Senate



General Assembly

File No. 213

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 258

Senate, March 24, 2016

The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-145 of the 2016 supplement
- 2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
- 3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):
- 4 (a) No person or entity shall care for or board a child without a
- 5 license obtained from the Commissioner of Children and Families,
- 6 except: (1) When a child has been placed by a person or entity holding
- 7 a license from the commissioner; (2) any residential educational
- 8 institution exempted by the State Board of Education under the
- 9 provisions of section 17a-152; (3) residential facilities licensed by the
- 10 Department of Developmental Services pursuant to section 17a-227; (4)
- 11 facilities providing child care services, as defined in section 19a-77; [or]
- 12 (5) any home that houses students participating in a program
- described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (8) of section 10a-29; or
- 14 (6) the homeless youth program at the Escape Teen Center in New

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15 Haven. The person or entity seeking a child care facility license shall 16 file with the commissioner an application for a license, in such form as 17 the commissioner furnishes, stating the location where it is proposed 18 to care for such child, the number of children to be cared for, in the 19 case of a corporation, the purpose of the corporation and the names of 20 its chief officers and of the actual person responsible for the child. The 21 Commissioner of Children and Families is authorized to fix the 22 maximum number of children to be boarded and cared for in any such 23 home or institution or by any person or entity licensed by the 24 commissioner. If the population served at any facility, institution or 25 home operated by any person or entity licensed under this section 26 changes after such license is issued, such person or entity shall file a 27 new license application with the commissioner, and the commissioner 28 shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the 29 facility is located of such new license application, except that no 30 confidential client information may be disclosed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2016	17a-145(a)	

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact from exempting the homeless youth program at the Escape Teen Center in New Haven from Department of Children and Families licensure. There is no associated fee.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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SUMMARY:

This bill exempts the Escape Teen Center's homeless youth program from the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) child care facility licensing requirements. The Center is located in New Haven.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

BACKGROUND

Licensing of Child Care Facilities

CGS § 17a-145 requires DCF to license "child care facilities," which include children's homes, residential treatment facilities, group homes, and temporary shelters. DCF regulations establish requirements for such licenses (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 17a-145-59 et seq.).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)